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Black Sheep stealth returns to flock

by Spc. (Ret.) James Matise
Sunburst staff writer

An F-117A Nighthawk damaged almost beyond repair six years ago has returned to Holloman AFB and is poised to return to operational status with the 8th Fighter Squadron.

On May 19, 1999, Maj. Clint Hinote, a captain at the time, was starting his initial qualification check ride in F-117A tail number 790. He began the takeoff roll down the Holloman runway when the aircraft's left engine suddenly exploded.

"It was very loud and violent — the aircraft seemed to skid to the right when it happened," said Major Hinote, who is currently attending the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Major Hinote stopped the aircraft as his instructor ordered him to abort the takeoff. The tower told him to get out because the aircraft was on fire, so he initiated onboard fire procedures and evacuated the jet.

"After I had run away about 100 yards or so, I turned around expecting that the airplane would be smoking, but not burning. After all, I thought I had cut off the fuel source from the engine," he said. "When I turned around to see what was going on, I could not believe how fierce the fire was. It was growing in inten-



Photo by Spc. (Ret.) James Matise

Six years after nearly burning to the ground, F-117A number 790, recently returned from Lockheed Martin's Palmdale, Calif. plant, has been fully repaired and awaits the okay to return to mission status.

sity with each second ... after a few minutes, I saw that the pieces of the airplane were literally melting off onto the runway."

The fire, started by a malfunctioning cooling fan, caused significant damage to the engines, weapons bays and other integral parts of the aircraft, said Senior Master Sgt. Dale Witcofski, 8th Aircraft Maintenance

Unit production superintendent.

"There's cooling fans that go around the hot part of the engine," Sergeant Witcofski said. "One failed, fell on the [turbine section] of the engine and it exploded."

Sergeant Witcofski said the problem that caused the fire had been detected earlier in F-16 Falcon engines and steps were taken to fix the prob-

lem in the F-117A.

"We removed the fans," he said. "They were just an extra precaution."

The damage was so extensive that the jet sat inoperative at Holloman for four years before the decision was finally made to fix it. The estimated cost of repairs was \$3 million, Ser-

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Private counseling offered for Airmen and families

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

Sometimes an Airman needs someone to talk to, and although his or her supervisor or friends are available, they are not always the right ones to listen.

The Air Force, as part of a larger effort within the Department of Defense, offers Airmen professional and private counseling as part of its OneSource program.

"Air Force OneSource is part of the total system of support that is available at all Air Force bases," said Brenda Liston, Air Force family matters chief. "It is available to active duty, Reserve and National Guard members, whether they are activated or not."

The OneSource program has been available for more than a year now and provides Airmen and their families with information and referral services for education, medical, financial, deployment, return and reunion issues. In July, the program was expanded to include face-to-face counseling services for Airmen and their families. The program makes free counseling services available to help Airmen and their families deal with marital and relationship problems, deployment or re-deployment stress, grief and other nonclinical issues.

"This even includes couples counseling for Airmen who are single and having relationship issues," Ms. Liston said. "It is easily accessible for our Air Force people dealing with family issues such as returning from deployment, reintegration, grief counseling, couple's concerns or any number of issues a couple, an Airman or a family member would like to speak with a counselor about."

Any active-duty Airman, reservist or guardsman or immediate family members can access the service, Ms. Liston said. "It is available to anyone carrying a military identification card — family or Airmen, active or reserve, activated or not," she said.

Airmen who want to take advantage of the service may call the Air Force OneSource tele-

phone number to talk to an online consultant. The consultant will take demographic data from the Airman, make an assessment of the issue he or she has and help the Airman choose the best course of action. The service can also be accessed by visiting local family support centers.

If counseling is needed, a consultant will help the Airman set up an appointment with a licensed civilian counselor in the local community. The service comes at no cost to servicemembers and their families, and Airmen are entitled to up to six counseling sessions per issue. Counseling services are available for nonclinical issues only, however. The service does not handle medical issues involving alcoholism, depression, drug abuse or abuse in the family. In those cases, Airmen will be put in contact with appropriate agencies. The service also has an obligation to report instances of drug use or physical abuse to the authorities. In all other situations, Ms. Liston said, Airmen can expect the same level of privacy they would with base agencies.

Helping Airmen and their families deal with problems before they escalate not only helps Airmen, it helps get the mission accomplished, Ms. Liston said.

"A lot of times issues that become really difficult and affect the mission started out with a small issue, like how to readjust when you come home from deployment," she said. "Problems can be resolved at the lower level before they escalate into real problems."

Air Force OneSource is available anytime by phone in the United States at (800) 707-5784, internationally at (800) 7075-7844 or collect at (484) 530-5913. The program is also available in Spanish at (800) 375-5971 and to the deaf or hard of hearing, via TTY/TDD at (800) 346-9188.

Airmen may also visit the program Web site at www.airforceonesource.com. The site requires customers to log on by using "airforce" as the user ID and "ready" as the password.

Holloman Hotline

572-7500

The Holloman Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander.

If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

Housing office2-3981
Housing maintenance2-7901
Medical clinic2-5991
Finance2-5107
Services2-3528
Commissary2-5127
Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713
SARC.....2-6789
BX479-6164



High: 94
Low: 64

TODAY



High: 94
Low: 66

SATURDAY



High: 96
Low: 68

SUNDAY



High: 96
Low: 68

MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **2**
DUIs this year **15**
This week last year **27**

Last six DUIs

- 49 CES Feb. 22
- GAF March 7
- 49 CES April 17
- 49 OSS May 6
- 49 MMSS May 27
- 49 AMXS Aug. 9

572-RIDE works!
Calls made are lives saved
761 Saves this year
10 Saves this week



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BRIEFS

NMSU-A business training

A training course is being offered by the Small Business Development Center at NMSU-A for those interested in starting their own businesses. The courses will include writing business plans. The course counts for college credit and costs nothing for all active duty individuals, veterans with educational benefits, and most reservists and National Guard troops. The classes are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Those interested can contact the Small Business Development Center, 572-7754.

BAH waivers

Team Holloman members may apply for BAH waivers based on the following conditions:

A: Low-cost or no-cost PCS as designated on member's orders: in this case, the member can request the previous duty station BAH rate if it is higher than the new duty station. This is the only waiver applicable to members without dependents.

B: Dependent restricted tours: the default rate is the dependent location. If the member's duty station has a higher BAH rate, the member may request a waiver.

C: PME: Members who leave their families to attend PME may apply for a waiver based on dependent location or a previous duty station. Members must be attending a course 20 weeks or more and less than one year. Military couples are not eligible unless they have a child. Single members are not eligible.

Anyone requesting a waiver can submit a request in writing and include a copy of PCS orders. AFPC/DPFFOC will only accept requests from MAJCOMS, all requests will require AF/DPDF approval/disapproval. Any questions can be answered by AFPC/DPFFOC at DSN 665-3415.

Albuquerque Tricentennial

As part of the Albuquerque Tricentennial celebration, August is Agricultural and Culinary Arts Month. Events include wine and cheese seminars, chefs' auctions, barbecues and winemaker dinners. September is Architecture Month.

For more information on Albuquerque's Tricentennial, visit the Web site at www.albuquerque300.org.

Mixed bowling league

The Friday Night Mixed League at Holloman's Desert Lanes Bowling Center begins its fall season this September. Each team consists of two men and two women, three games per night, Handicap League. The bowling center will provide teammates if needed. There will be payouts for all bowlers at the end of the season. The cost is \$9 to \$10 per person, per night. Shoes are \$1.25. The league is open to all active duty, retirees, dependents and U.S. government employees working at Holloman and their spouses. Bowlers must be at least 18 years of age.

For more information, contact Ms. Kara M. Noya at 572-1916, or sign up at the bowling alley.

Prometric Testing

As of Sept. 2, the Base Education Office will no longer offer Prometric Testing. However, the University of Phoenix, Holloman Campus, will begin offering the same type of examinations via Pearson VUE testing. If you prefer to use a Prometric Test Center, there are three locations in El Paso and one location in Las Cruces. The exact locations can be determined by going to the Prometric Web site at www.prometric.com. For more information, contact the Education Services Officer, Mr. Ken Derenzy, at 572-7027 or University of Phoenix, Holloman Campus, at 479-4856. Note that DANTES, PME, CDC and distance learning testing will not be affected by this change.

HOSC Thrift Shop

The Holloman Officers' Spouse Club Thrift Shop will be open one day for back-to-school shopping from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. 3 Futons, 2 slider-rocking chairs, dressers, and many other items.

The shop will reopen for the fall season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 6. Consignments will not be accepted until Sept. 20. Donations are still accepted over the summer in bins located behind the store.

Middle two meeting

The next Middle Two meeting is at 2 p.m., Aug. 18 at the Community Activity Center.

Online visitor passes

Holloman members can now request visitor passes via the Internet at the Web site sfmis.csd.disa.mil/SFMIS5/DoD.html. Visitor information can be filled out before going to Pass and ID. When arriving at Pass and ID, inform the clerk about the Web request and the clerk will verify the information and issue a pass. The request can be submitted 30 days in advance. For more information, call Pass and ID at 572-5951 or 572-5920.

UFT selection board

The undergraduate flying training selection board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center Jan. 10, 2006. This board will review active duty applications for selection to pilot, navigator or air battle manager training. Those officers with a date of birth after April 1, 1976 and a TFCSD after April 1 2001, who meet all other eligibility criteria, will be eligible to apply for UFT. Applicants must send the completed application, postmarked by Nov. 23, to HQ AFPC/DPAOT 3, 550 C St. West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB, Texas, 78150-4733. Applicants must advise commanders/supervisors providing AF IMT 215 comments of the application deadline. Applications with incomplete or missing data may not be processed. All applicants must complete the Air Force Officer Qualification Test. Pilot applicants must complete the Basic Attributes Test. For details on application procedures, see AFI 36-2205 or contact the base formal training element at 572-5047.

First term Airmen

There will be a first-term Airman informed decision briefing at 7:50 a.m., Monday and Aug. 25 at the Professional Development Center, building 451. This briefing is mandatory for all first-term Airmen within 15 months or less of separating from the Air Force.

Please call Master Sgt. Laura Santos, 572-5512, for more information.

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geant Witcofski said.

"They didn't know what to do with it," he said. "There was a lot of damage ... it would cost a lot of money and time to repair."

In 2003, the plane was dismantled, packed into three trucks and sent to Lockheed Martin Aerospace Corporation's Palmdale, Calif. plant, where it underwent major repairs.

"They had to, basically, rebuild the left wheel well, they rebuilt the left engine bay, both weapons bays ... and they had to do a lot of other stuff to it," Sergeant Witcofski said.

The rejuvenated aircraft was flown back to Holloman July 29.

"It's flown four times since it was repaired," Sergeant Witcofski said. "It looks like a new plane. It's just missing its new car smell in the cockpit."

Sergeant Witcofski said the aircraft is currently undergoing



ACC photo

F-117A 790 suffered extensive damage from an engine explosion and fire during a takeoff roll May 19, 1999.

acceptance inspections to make sure it is ready to return to flying mission sorties.

"We hope to fly it next week," he said Monday. "There were some small problems you would expect to find in an aircraft that hasn't flown in six years, but so far we haven't found anything

serious."

The aircraft, the sixth operational Nighthawk built, has been in service since late 1982. It flew 30 combat missions in Operation Desert Storm under the nickname "Deadly Jester."

Aside from the 1999 fire, it has seen its share of mishaps. On

Feb. 10, 1991, the aircraft blew a nose wheel upon landing after returning from an attack against chemical bunkers at Samarra, Iraq. It only suffered minor damage to its nose sensors and flew 10 more missions.

In another minor incident, the aircraft lost its canopy during flight because it was not properly latched. The pilot, stripped of his helmet and mask, successfully landed the aircraft and was later treated for severe frostbite.

"The canopy was found and they put it back on," Sergeant Witcofski said. "That was before Desert Storm."

More recently, while the aircraft was being rebuilt by Lockheed Martin, the hangar fire extinguisher system went off and the aircraft was hosed down with fire-retardant foam.

"The biggest problems on the check flights after the rebuild was getting the musty smell from

the fire retardant out of the cockpit," Sergeant Witcofski said.

Major Hinote said the communication and emergency procedures conducted during the incident were critical to the survival of the aircraft and his survival of the accident without injury.

Both the flight examiner and the tower told him the aircraft was on fire while he was still trying to figure out what had happened, and once he decided to get out, he found himself going through the emergency procedures automatically.

"There is no doubt that, if I had been able to take off, we would have lost the jet. None of our emergency procedures could have extinguished the fire," he said. "I'm not really surprised that the airplane has been returned to flying status, but I am glad that it has, as each of these aircraft are irreplaceable."

SGLI increase

As of Sept. 1, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance maximum insurance coverage will increase to \$400,000.

Everyone's insurance will be automatically increased to this level of coverage. Anyone who does not wish to be covered for the full amount must fill out SGLV Form 8286 and give to the MPF Customer Service Section. You can reduce your coverage by increments of \$50,000. If you complete the form and turn it in between Sept. 1 and Sept. 30, you will not be charged the full amount for September, but will be charged for whatever coverage you elect. Any changes made after Sept. 30 will cause you to be charged the full amount for whatever months you were covered.

If you do not wish to reduce your coverage and you are not making any changes to beneficiaries then you will not need to fill out any forms and your new coverage will start Sept. 1.

If you elect to designate a primary beneficiary other than your spouse, a formal letter will go to the spouse letting them know that they are not the primary beneficiary.

Environmental assessment

The Final Environmental Assessment for the Improvements and Repair to Forty-Niner Avenue is available for review at the Holloman Public Library. The Environmental Assessment resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact and a Finding of No Practicable Alternative. All comments should be directed to the Public Affairs Office; 49FW/PA, 490 First St. Suite 2800, Holloman AFB, NM 88330; Phone: 505-572-5406.

Holloman dental sick call

The 49th ADOS Dental Clinic, not the emergency room, is the place to go for emergency dental care. After hours, beneficiaries can call 572-3260 to speak to an on-call dentist at the dental clinic. While the clinic cannot provide routine, comprehensive dental care for family members, it can provide urgent/emergent dental care. Dentists are on call 24/7 for urgent/emergent care of military beneficiaries. Additionally, by calling the Dental Clinic at 572-3742 between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through

Friday, both active duty members and military beneficiaries can schedule a dental sick call appointment. Family members enrolled in the Tricare Dental Plan should arrange to see their civilian dentists for all dental needs, including urgent/emergent care.

St. John's kitchen

The 49th Fighter Wing is hosting a community kitchen from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1114 Indiana Ave. in Alamogordo. This month's dinner consists of meat loaf, mashed potatoes and corn. The following items, or monetary donations to purchase the following items, are needed: ground beef, mashed potatoes, corn, desserts and milk. Donated items should be taken to the Customer Support Office. Anyone interested in making donations or participating can contact Senior Airman Melissa Hedger, 572-3548, by Wednesday.

Pie in the face

Voting for the Pie in the Face fundraiser will start Monday and run through Aug. 26. Votes cost \$0.25 each and are made available by unit 1st sergeants. Any-

one is fair game for nomination, including squadron, group and wing commanders, chiefs, 1st sergeants and "mean" supervisors. The top five nominees will get a pie in the face at 11 a.m., Aug. 30 at the fitness center. The pie-throwing slots will be auctioned off to the highest bidders. Nominees can opt to buy themselves out of getting pie in the face by doubling the winning bid, but the winning bidder can double the bid again and reverse it back to the nominee. All proceeds will go to support the Air Force Ball, Sept. 17.

Blue to Green

Airmen close to earning an honorable discharge from the Air Force who want to keep their military benefits may qualify for an interservice transfer under the Army's Operation Blue to Green.

The Blue to Green program allows Airmen to apply the military experience they have gained to service in the Army and can become Soldiers in career fields comparable to current Air Force jobs, or retrain in a different Military Occupational Specialty, depending on qualifications and available training. Airmen may

qualify for an enlistment bonus if they transfer into a critical Army MOS. For more information, contact Steven Foreman, U.S. Army Blue to Green recruiter, at (206)246-5763 or (206)793-7707, toll-free at (877)248-7364, or via email steven.foreman@usarec.army.mil.

Fire protection engineering guide

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers, based in Bethesda, Md., has created a new Guide to Careers in Fire Protection Engineering, a free guide for students who already want a career in engineering, but are unsure of which specialty is right for them.

The guide provides students the opportunity to explore college degree programs, specific career paths and different ways to enter—and succeed—in the field. Fire protection engineering is a fast-growing occupation. Year after year, the demand for qualified fire protection engineers outpaces the supply.

For more information, contact Chris Jelenewicz at 301-718-2910 or chris@sfpe.org, or visit www.careersinfireprotection-engineering.com.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Aug. 3 to Tuesday.

Tickets issued:

There were five tickets issued: Two tickets for no seatbelt, one for expired registration, one for vehicle abandonment and one for failure to use a turn signal.

Civilian arrests:

Aug. 6: An Airman was arrested by Las Cruces Police Department for driving under the influence of alcohol, disorderly conduct and possession of 10.5 pounds of marijuana. Two other Airmen were also arrested in the same incident for disorderly conduct.

Property loss, damage or theft

- Aug. 3: An NCO reported his vehicle had been “keyed” in the parking lot of building 55. The same day, an Airman also reported her vehicle had been likewise damaged in the same location.

- Aug. 5: An NCO reported finding a 6-inch key scratch on his vehicle at building 54.

- Aug. 6: An NCO reported finding paint on his car and house on Catron Loop that appeared to come from a paintball gun. The NCO was able to clean it off without any damage.

Patrol response

- Aug. 3: A dependent reported a minor accident in-

volving a government vehicle and a personal vehicle in the parking lot of building 105.

- Aug. 5: An Airman reported a non-hostile incident arising from another Airman failing to have identification at west ramp spot 9.

Aug. 5: An Airman reported she received a threat from an individual off base upon serving him with a restraining order. Gate guards were notified to bar him from the base and the individual was later apprehended by civilian law enforcement.

- Aug. 5: An anonymous caller reported a small group of children causing mischief on San Miguel Loop. Security forces were unable to substantiate the complaint.

- Aug. 6: A dependent reported he got into a physical altercation with an Airman during a party at dormitory 338.

- Aug. 7: An Airman turned in a stray Jack Russell terrier at building 35.

- Aug. 7: A dependent reported finding two stray dogs in her back yard on Quay Loop. The dogs were later turned over to their owner.

- Aug. 8: A government civilian reported a minor vehicle accident involving two unoccupied personal vehicles at the community center. There was no damage, but upon finding the owner of one of the vehicles it was determined the vehicle had fictitious license plates.

Passing the reins of command



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Colbert

From left: Col. Charles “CQ” Brown, U.S. Air Force Weapons School commandant, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Marc “Robo” Reese, 417th Weapons Squadron incoming commander, Aug. 4.

Keystone youth provide service, prepare for future

by Ms. Danielle Toste
Sunburst staff Writer

While many teenagers this summer were hanging out by the pool or watching television, nine youths took the opportunity to help serve their community and compete in a national conference with over 30 other community clubs.

“The Keystone Club is a program for youths between the ages of 14-18 years old,” said Ms. Matrice Adger, Keystone Club Advisor, “that focuses on keeping youths strongly tuned on national excellence, thus giving its name.”

The club is run through the Boys and Girls Club and the Youth Center here. It has seven core areas that the teenagers focus on: character and leadership, service to club and community, unity, free enterprise, education and career development, social

recreation and teen outreach.

“The club is based on character and leadership,” Ms. Adger said. “It helps to build self-esteem and prepare [youth] for the real world.”

Education and career development is one of the areas that teens can use to focus on their futures. The members gain valuable knowledge and learn how to write a resume, prepare for a job interview and learn what to expect at college.

The social recreation section helps members develop ideas and plan events that would have a positive impact on the community.

“The Keystone Club benefits the community by letting voices be heard by teen aspect,” said Ms. Adger. “They come up with community projects such as holiday drives, cutting yards and babysitting.”

While providing community

services to Holloman and the surrounding area, the teens also prepare year-round for the Southwest Regional Teen Supreme Keystone Club Conference. This year, the team came home with two of the top awards.

“They won the top overall award in social recreation for putting on the Little Miss and Miss Youth Holloman Pageant,” Ms. Adger said. “They also won the award for Outstanding Program of the Year, which involved tackling the issue of child obesity and was challenged by all Keystone Clubs over the nation.”

So far this year, they have won three major awards and a cash total of about \$2,700.

“The Keystone Club is a positive outlet for teens,” said Ms. Adger, “and I encourage teens to join and give back to the community.”

For more information on the club, call 572-3753.



Airman 1st Class Miguel Salazar 49th Civil Engineer Squadron



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

Duty title: Structural journeyman

Time in service: One year, three months

Time at Holloman: 8 months

Hometown: El Paso, Texas

Personal and career goals: Obtain degree in Criminal Justice

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you? I'm able to serve my country with pride and at the same time provide for my

family without worries.

What is your favorite quote? "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog"

How do you set an example for other troops? I like to set an example by staying out of trouble, giving my best everyday at work, and taking on every challenge with the best of my knowledge and ability.

Core value portrayed: Excellence in all we do – Airman Salazar exemplifies this core value. He constantly produces high quality work with little to no supervision. His dress and appearance are always impeccable. He sets the standard and serves as an example for all those he works with.

–Maj. Andra B. Clapsaddle
49th CES commander

Holloman Salutes

The following senior airmen have been selected for promotion to staff sergeant



46th Test Group
Claudia P. Abinuman

49th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Joshua C. Casey
Claudia L. Pedroza
Brandon W. Simmons

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Matthew A. Beaman
Tarik A. Booze
Michael A. Carrera
Christopher Chase
Timothy L. David
Jason L. Garza
Andrew J. Hoffman
Jason C. Lyons
Matthew R. Mclean
Nicholas A. Mcswain
Scott D. Mitchell
Ryan W. Moloney
Angel M. Negrete
Lani D. Nishimura
Jeffrey Adam Ott
Eduardo J. Perez
Bryan P. Perrine
Craig L. Peterson
John D. Rawlins
Adam S. Ray
Bradley Richardson
John G. Roach
Zachary M. Sinclair
Michael W. Smith
Alexander J. Stille
Joseph H. Sullivan
Deandre Tinsley

49th Civil Engineer Squadron
Michelle Ackerman
Cuervo A. Aguilar

Raweewan Andrews
Matthew R. Cloutier
David A. Dascalescu
Michael G. De Los Santos
Patrick Y. Hoffman
Darrin N. Hunter
Jimlord Reyes Joya
Benjamin M. Lomas
Theresa R. Margallo
Chad M. Roberts
Christopher Simmons
Christopher Stoup
Sean M. Stringer
Trejo Aleja Varela

49th Communications Squadron
Lisa M. Anderson
Brandon Buldis
James P. Christian
Jason T. Colbert
Kortney R. Derouen
Eric W. Diepering
Jonathan Disselkoen
Dee M. Ericksonmoen
Natasha L. Forgey
Seneca D. Linder
Shaun M. Pendergast
Deanna D. Smith
Jack Edward Smith

49th Maintenance Group
David A. Lisboa

49th Comptroller Squadron
Mindy K. Dahl

49th Fighter Wing
Lourie A. Booze
Richard Daugherty
Dawn Ann Griffin
Joy R. Olwig

Benjamin D. Yost
49th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Jahsel Carmichael
Mazen K. Abdu
Abigail Escobedo
Ryan A. Fickenworth
Daniel M. Hawkins
Jacob J. Hopkins
Joaquinn M. Lopez
Mark Steven Mancha
Tinia R. Martinez
Shaun A. Merrill
Sandra N. Mullins
Russell G. Navidad
Mario Rene Ortiz
Justin E. Rangel
William B. Rountree
Clinton W. Ruckoldt
Christopher Saenz
Elizabeth Saunders
Michael V. Sears
Aaron Andre Serbin
Kim L. Silva
Steven E. Smith
Abel A. Telles
Valentino A. Thorne
Tanesha L. Townsend

49th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Audrey N. Arante
Timothy S. Lenze

49th Maintenance Squadron
Aaron J. Akridge
Joshua J. Anderson
Justen M. Anderson
Jorge A. Badillo
Kenneth Charfauros
Nikki Anne Dounouk

Dennis G. Edwards
Roy A. Elley, Jr.
Michael Lee Farr
Victor R. Garza, Jr.
Anthony L. Grass
Andrea L. Hernandez
Tasha S. Hofert
Robert T. Hughes
Anthony J. Hyland
Aaron Alber Juarez
Andrew L. Kay
Adam S. Kempf
James Robert Kitt
Vincent Pule Lemau
Shaun A. Lewis
Eric Ruben Lopez
Allison M. Loy
Brandon K. Lyda
Michael D. Martin
Nicholas Meier
Warren W. Messick
James W. Methven
Robert E. Milchak
Christopher M. Mora
James Multari
Arika Ann T. Nadeau
Daniel Oxendine
Daniel A. Ralston
Kenneth Richardson
Robert G. Rubalcaba
Christopher Rumley
Karen E. Stephens
Patrick B. Sudduth
Terrance Townsend
Joshua C. Watson

49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron
Jeffrey E. Clough
Peter Ericksonmoen
Robert Andrew Frye
Michael Keon Green
Albert Chris Hoare

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Kumphol Pattumma
Flor Adriana Rocha
Rudiard K. Suarez
Kern A. Williams
49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron
Jacqueline M. Hodge
Eddie Perez
Mari J. Richardson
Edward E. Stephens

49th Medical Operations Squadron
Samantha R. Ramirez

49th Medical Support Squadron
Marius V. Cailean

49th Mission Support Squadron
Keelye M. Blackmore
Angela K. Borders
Elvia H. Jacquez

49th Operations Support Squadron
Brendt V. Grier
Julius E. Griffin
Adrian R. Mask
Kevin M. McDonald

Maxwell A. Mcmillan
Amber M. Merritt
Andrew Sokolovich
Joseph W. Sousa

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Charles Borchardt
Jason T. Broadway
Gary W. Cheney
David C. Coston
Phillip W. Finch
Chad K. Green
Joseph Paul Harris
Christopher Mccorkle
Stephan Occhipinti
Christopher Stenger
Brian Stilgebouer

49th Services Squadron
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Kristina Hernandez
Shawn Troy Houston
Katarah R. Johnson
Karla M. Mendez
Jennifer M. Snyder

8th Fighter Squadron
Matthew R. Blecke

9th Fighter Squadron
Eric R. Christensen

Holloman actors strut stuff in *Oklahoma!*



Photos by Mr. Ellis Neel, Alamogordo Daily News

Ms. Amanda Blood, wife of Capt. Eric Blood, 46th Test Group, is carried by a fellow cast member during Rogers and Hammerstein's play *Oklahoma!*, performed last week at the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts.



Ms. Amanda Blood and Airman 1st Class David Wagstaff, 49th Maintenance Squadron, sing the theme song to *Oklahoma!* during a dress rehearsal Aug. 4. Ms. Blood played the role of "Laury" and Airman Wagstaff played "Curly." Airman Wagstaff said he hopes his participation in the play will inspire other aspiring actors in the Holloman community to "get out and try their hand at it."

SPORTS

49th MMG softball team mauls way to the top

BEAR BASE team beats CES 27-12, claims second championship

**by Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier**
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A big pull away during the fifth inning helped land the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group Bears their second consecutive base intramural softball championship against the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Desert Bulls Aug. 4.

From the beginning, key CES players were missing from the lineup, including pitcher Martin 'Chico' Venegas. Led by left-fielder Bobby Rowe, MMG took the lead early on with seven runs in the first inning.

The Desert Bulls rallied early in the fourth inning to inch past the Bears with an 8-7 lead. Desert

Bulls coach Edward Bass said his team had a couple of costly mistakes during the game.

"Our bats went a little cold on us at the wrong time," he said. "Bear Base played a classy and smart game. My hat is off to them."

The Bears rallied toward the end of the fourth and wouldn't look back. Big hits by Pitcher Allen Pratt and first baseman Joe Webb help to push the Bears through to the sixth inning where they took the championship title 27-12.

Bear coach Bobby Rowe said it was a total team effort for the season.

"We weren't the prettiest or best team at times but we put it together to defend what is ours," he said. "After all – there's no 'I'

in team. We now have the privilege of being Holloman's intramural softball back-to-back champions."

Coach Bass said softball fans can look for the Desert Bulls to put another competitive team on the field next year.

"The Desert Bulls will have a new look because we are losing Venegas, one of the most solid ball players on the base," he said. "Softball fans can look for the Desert Bulls to put another competitive team on the field and be a contender for the Championship again."

This is the second consecutive year that MMG has taken the championship title for intramural softball.



Courtesy photo

The 49th Materiel Maintenance Group team poses with its trophy after winning the 2005 intramural softball championship Aug. 4. BEAR BASE also took last year's championship.

School zone traffic violators beware!

Increased SF presence jump starts school year

by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Wednesday signifies the end of summer for hundreds of Team Holloman children and a return to school after a three month hiatus.

It also signifies a period of special emphasis on traffic enforcement spearheaded by the 49th Security Forces Squadron to ensure not only the safety of Holloman vehicle operators, but also the safety of children walking to school each morning.

"We will be paying particular attention to the school zones, 1st Street and the streets around the schools," said Maj. Kenneth Ohlson, 49th Security Forces commander.

The message Security Forces

intend to spread through this enforcement is simple: *slow down*.

"This is the time of year when large amounts of school children are reintroduced into areas around the major intersections on base," said Major Ohlson, "and therefore the extra enforcement."

According to the base traffic policy put into effect Aug 1, traffic violators cited for traveling between five and 15 miles per hour over the posted speed limit may find their driving privileges revoked for a period of five days.

"Excessive speed takes observation, decision and reaction time away," said Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander. "That's why we have the speed limits we have posted in these high traffic areas," he said.

Violators will be issued a letter stating they have the option of requesting a hearing on their violation or may refuse the hearing and accept the five days. Airmen may also request a hearing via formal written request within 10 working days of the violation.

Ms. Lesalee Arana, 49th Fighter Wing Family Support Center school liaison officer, said she is made aware of numerous traffic safety concerns during the monthly community education issues meetings held at the FSC.

Parents are concerned about drivers being in a hurry, ignoring cross walks, crossing guards and pedestrians, she said.

Along with security forces presence, parents can also play a pivotal role in promoting traffic safety.

Parents should discuss what route their child will take to school, make sure their child knows where the crosswalk is, and tell their child to use it, said Ms. Arana.

Team Holloman supervisors also play a key role in promoting traffic safety.

"Supervisors should let their



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

One of the many traffic signs on base warning vehicle operators to watch for pedestrians crossing First Street.

Airmen know when school starts and what areas to look out for while they are driving," said Major Ohlson. "We're community

within a community so we should be looking out for each other," he said.

"We must protect our future,

our sons and daughters, as they begin this school year," said General Cichowski. "Let's be careful out there!"



Holloman security forces monitor morning traffic adjacent to the school zone on First Street.

TIP BOX:

- * Follow all posted speed limits
- * Stay inside the painted lines of the crosswalk.
- * Be aware of traffic and look both ways before crossing the street.
- * Walk your bicycle across the street
- * When driving you must follow the directions of the school crossing guard at the cross walks.
- Obey all traffic control devices such as stop signs and traffic lights.
- * Pedestrians always have the rights of way when inside marked crosswalks.
- * Vehicles should yield to pedestrians from the time they see a pedestrian at the crosswalk until the pedestrians has departed the vehicle lanes of the roadway.

Working like a dog



Alex takes a break while awaiting a command.



Military working dog Alex waits for an attack command from his trainer, Staff Sgt. Todd Choiniere, 49th Security Forces Squadron, during a training exercise Wednesday.



Photos by Senior Airman Eric Somppi

Alex, a military working dog, attacks a training sleeve during a routine training exercise with the 49th Security Forces Squadron Wednesday. Military working dogs can help Security Forces disable and apprehend suspects, and can be trained to detect drugs and explosives by scent.

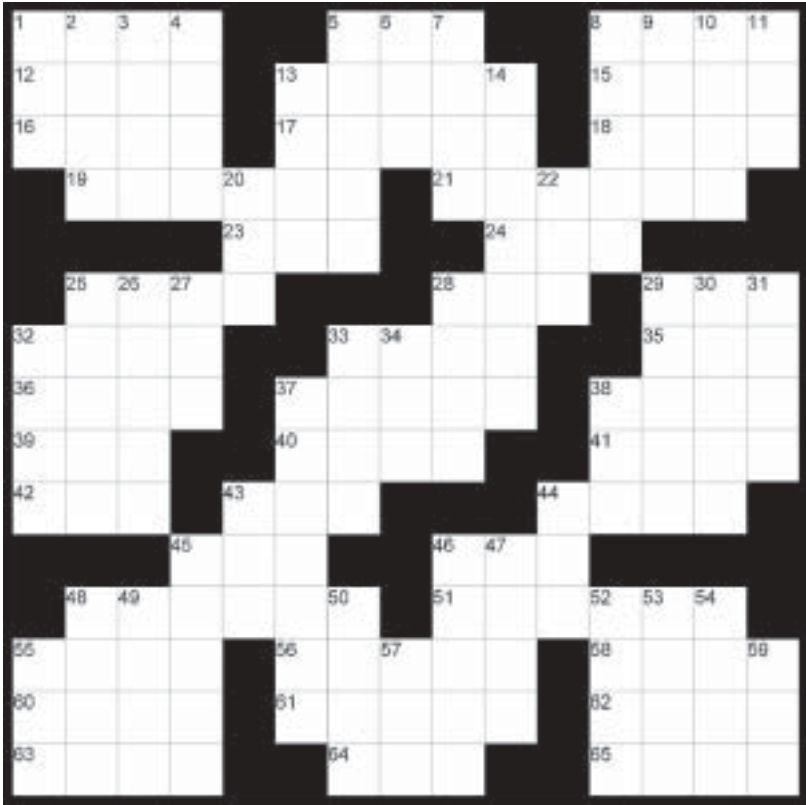


Military working dog Anita sinks her teeth into a training sleeve held by one of her trainers during a 49th Security Forces training exercise Wednesday.

AF pioneers of the ‘40s

ACROSS

- 1. Young men
- 5. Sinister
- 8. Affirm
- 12. Fit to ____; perfect
- 13. 23 ACROSS city
- 15. Store event
- 16. Survey
- 17. *Fear of Flying* writer Jong
- 18. Object surface
- 19. USAF hero Maj. Alston Glenn ____; USAAF band leader in WWII
- 21. Greek capital
- 23. NW state
- 24. Bungalow
- 25. Excited
- 28. Alcoholic beverage
- 29. Scientist’s work area
- 32. Disney Sci-Fi movie
- 33. Bunny
- 35. Self-importance
- 36. Zeus’ spouse
- 37. USAF hero Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. ____; first AF African-American general
- 38. USAF pioneer Gen. ____ Spaatz; first CSAF in 1947
- 39. School subj.
- 40. Actor Ladd
- 41. Thought
- 42. 40s siren ____ West
- 43. Health org.
- 44. Clamp
- 45. ... --- ...
- 46. Grocery-store giant
- 48. USAF pioneer/WWII ace Charles ____; first to break sound barrier
- 51. USAF pioneer Lt. Gen. William ____; Operation Vittles commander
- 55. South American country
- 56. USAF pioneer Gen. Curtis ____; SAC founder
- 58. Indian nursemaid
- 60. British school
- 61. Cruises the seas
- 62. Video game manufacturer
- 63. Leaning tower town
- 64. USAF hero Col. George ____; Medal of Honor recipient
- 65. Mil. quick



DOWN

- 1. Track run
- 2. Molecule
- 3. Sandwich shop
- 4. Peddle
- 5. Wilkes-____, P.A.
- 6. The Greatest boxer
- 7. Mil. commissary org.
- 8. Benefit
- 9. Boastful
- 10. USAF hero Brig. Gen. Robin ____; rated triple ace
- 11. Tiny
- 13. Oracle
- 14. USAF hero Sgt. Archibald ____; WWII Medal of Honor recipient
- 20. Timber
- 22. Barbarian
- 25. Stadium
- 26. Devour
- 27. *Cat ____ Hot Tin Roof*
- 28. Smile
- 29. Clues
- 30. Consent
- 31. South American rope with weights attached
- 32. 1954 James Whitmore B-movie
- 33. Angel’s headgear
- 34. Actress Gardner
- 37. Maidens
- 38. 102 to Cicero
- 43. Pig
- 44. Vehicle type

- 45. Roman bath
- 46. Axis power
- 47. ____ *and Dolls*
- 48. Abominable snowman
- 49. Greek god of love
- 50. Browse
- 52. Fed. space org.
- 53. *For Your ____ Only*
- 54. Hindu music type
- 55. Zest
- 57. Mil. duty status, possibly
- 59. USAF pioneer Henry “____” Arnold; only Gen. of the Air Force

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BOn the IG SCREEN

Rebound (PG)

6 p.m., today

Dark Water (PG-13)

6 p.m., Saturday

Dark Water (PG-13)

6 p.m., Sunday

Team Holloman volunteers make DWI video

by Ms. Danielle Toste
Sunburst staff writer

According to national law enforcement statistics, one out of 50 drivers on the road are operating their motor vehicles while intoxicated at any given time of the day or night.

On weekends, the number increases to one out of 10.

This is why over 50 volunteers from Team Holloman took the time and effort to produce a Driving While Influenced safety video.

"We have been planning this film since the beginning of the 101 Critical Days of Summer," said 2nd Lt. Carmel Patton, 49th Maintenance Squadron and producer of the film. "We wanted to put together a wing safety video that would bring awareness and

education out there."

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving there were over 16,000 fatalities and over a half a million people injured on the highways and byways of America in 2004 due to alcohol related accidents.

The last time Team Holloman produced an anti drinking and driving film was at the request of a family who lost their son in a DWI accident.

The video's purpose then was not prevention, but to show the aftermath and devastation that this type of incident can cause, said Staff Sergeant James Musgrave, 49th Fighter Wing Safety Office.

Sergeant Musgrave said he hopes the video will positively pressure Airmen to drink responsibly, drive responsibly,

and never mix drinking and driving.

"This video stresses the importance of the wingman concept," Sergeant Musgrave said. "Everyone at every level has the power to stop something negative from happening," he said.

While the video production took long hours and hard work to complete, many people realized how supportive Team Holloman is when it comes to the prevention of their Airmen ruining their lives or the lives of others.

"There are a lot of people here that put such great effort to a good cause," said Sergeant Musgrave.

The video will be out Sept. 1 at the base theater. It will run from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.



Photo by Staff Sgt. James Musgrave

Medics prepare to transport an 'injured' patient away from a mockup crash site during the filming of a wing safety video about the dangers of driving while drunk.

BRIEFS

Otero County Fair Volunteers

Operation We Do Care is in need of volunteers for the Otero County Fair, Thursday to Aug. 20. OWDC supports and shows dedication to all American heroes and their families; and has already helped over 200,000 military members with phone cards, care packages and supported military families in need. For more information about volunteering please contact Sue Musgrave at 479-9680 or send her an email message at sue@operationwedocare.org. To learn more about OWDC, go to www.operationwedocare.org.

Families Apart

The Alamogordo Daily News is sponsoring an evening zoo event Aug. 20 for families of members who are deployed, remote or on an extended TDY assignment from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Alamogordo Zoo. Join them for refreshments, entertainment, and fun. Call the Family Support Center at 572-7754 to make reservations.

Transition Assistance Program

For separating or retiring personnel and their spouses, TAP will be held Tuesday to Thursday from 8 to 4 p.m. at the Family Support Center. The

program helps to ensure a smooth and successful transition to a second career or into retirement. For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754.

Disability Transition Assistance Program

Disability Transition Assistance Program workshop will be held Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Family Support Center. DTAP addresses issues regarding disability compensation paperwork for the Veteran's Administration process. Members remaining in New Mexico should bring a copy of their

medical records to assist them in completing claim forms. If you wish to attend this and have not attended a 3-day TAP, please call 572-7754 to register.

Community Education Meeting

On Aug. 22 at 5 p.m. the Family Support Center is having a Community Education Meeting, which provides an opportunity for Holloman's military parents of school-age children to address concerns and have questions answered. Past meetings have contributed to greater awareness and provided solutions to challenges. (These meetings are not meant

to replace parents' participation in school-sponsored parent/teacher organizations.) The Holloman School Liaison Officer can be reached at lesalee.arana@holloman.af.mil or by calling the FSC at 572-7754, for more information.

Word Basics

The Discovery Resource Center is conducting a one hour basic introductory class to Microsoft Word on Aug. 30 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Learn how to use Microsoft Word to write letters, resumes, school papers, etc. For details call the FSC at 572-7754.

Go deep!



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

New Mexico State University coach Hal Mumme poses for a promotional photo on the runway with the F-117A Nighthawk Aug. 5. The stealth fighter, used primarily against high-threat targets, will be used as the backdrop for the NMSU Aggies football team’s new “air raid” offense.

Crossword answers

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Stretch out well

by Capt. Denis Nolan
49th Medical Operations Squadron

Has this ever happened to you? I reached a certain age where I suddenly realized that it was no longer a positive thing that if, while attempting some relatively civilized activity, I find my head is inverted and my heels suspended in the air over my head.

Now, wisdom says that the only people for whom this position should be expected are those with a performance report that includes the phrase “my number one fighter pilot.” That’s what I get for trying to keep up with my kids.

The muscle in the back of your thigh is your hamstring. When was the last time you were really able to touch your toes? I was 13 years old. I don’t know about you, but if you haven’t been able to do this since you were a kid do you really think it is wise to push this off as being a good thing? This position stretches the back incorrectly, weakening it. Protect your back.

Swallow your pride, then lay down on the floor, face up, and stick your heel up on a door frame or your partner’s shoulder. From this position, you can watch your favorite show, catch a sports game or read a book. Do this twice a day as part of your normal routine. Your run will eventually begin to feel more balanced and you will become faster. Well, at least you will have managed your life stress better. Take a load off.

One popular myth concerning stretching is that cold stretching prevents injury. Medical research does not support this myth at all. In fact, cold stretching does nothing more than help maintain muscle length between warm stretching sessions. The only thing that it develops is a false sense of safety.

Pushups got you down? To remedy this, do not train heavy and slow in the weight room.

It’s okay to turn and walk away. Instead, focus on holding the up/rest position for time. If you are unable to hold this position for one minute, you won’t be able to rest during the test. From this position, work toward the floor only until the elbow is bent 90 degrees.

For pushups, with an attitude, do three sets, each lasting only 15 seconds (your motto “15 in 15”). Strength occurs by coordination and increasing muscle anaerobic tolerance— “earn the burn.”

For a challenge, fatigue first at the floor and wait 90 seconds. Repeat this again with hands placed on a desk, and finally, with palms on the wall. Training lighter fatigues your tissue with less risk of load failure. Fatigue is the inability to hold good form with exercise, not performing reps till you drop. You can also work in sets on a repetition pyramid (3, 3, 4, 6,4,3,3).

Apply this method to exceed your sit-up quota. Start your military situp in the up position and train down toward the floor. It is less straining than launching yourself up from the floor. In other words, “Rest up, work down.”

Got a question for prevention? Call or drop by the Physical Therapy Clinic at 572-7230.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

Strategy: the big picture

By Lt Col Chris G. Knehans

7th Fighter Squadron commander

A famous golfer once said, “The more I practice, the luckier I get...” The question becomes, “what are you practicing?” While processes for the sake of processes invoke memories of the “quality” days, mission statements, objectives and goals give purpose to day-to-day activities.

Each Air Force duty section has its own vagaries that sometimes make it easy to lose sight of the primary mission of the U.S. Air Force and the 49th Fighter Wing. The genesis of our missions is the President’s National Security Strategy, which incorporates his vision of the uses of all American instruments of power. President Bush’s overarching vision is “to make the world not just safer, but better,” which focuses primarily on victory in the War on Terrorism. Taken from the 2004 National Military Strategy; “The NSS directs an active strategy to counter transnational terrorist threats, rogue nations and aggressive states that possess or are working to gain Weapons of Mass Destruction.” The Secretary of Defense and Joint

Chiefs of Staff then take the President’s “Big Picture” and narrow that down to a National Defense Strategy, which links the military objectives with other government agency strategies. The NDS is further broken down into a NMS.

The NMS states current objectives and missions and is used as a template for future capability requirements. Currently, our NMS can be summarized by protecting the U.S., preventing conflict and surprise attack and prevailing against adversaries. It then goes into specific discussions on the nature of our adversaries, the changes to the traditional battlespace, and elaboration of the specific objectives – too indepth for this article, but an important read nonetheless.

Implementation of this strategy has changed some of our day-to-day operations. For example, a re-invigorated emphasis on expeditionary operations - with the resultant prioritization of fitness and mobility readiness, an emphasis on joint operations (ask the LRS who they worked with the most) and leveraging/maintaining our technological advantage (why the F/A-22 dominates the AF budget). A critical point

to remember is that the biggest differentiator between *military* strategy and the NSS is the means of achieving our objective; the use of lethal force.

We cannot lose sight of the fact that we in the armed services exist to bring violence to America’s enemies. Most of us hope that by keeping the “tip of the sword” sharp, our capabilities will deter adversaries, but history has shown it is not always the case—“readiness is all.”

My intent is not to give a civics lesson, but to challenge each squadron and agency to evaluate their unit and personnel practices vis-à-vis the “Big Picture.”

A few questions: Does your squadron’s goals and objectives support the NSS and NMS? Is your squadron mobility ready - do your Airmen understand that we are not an in-garrison force? Do your squadron’s policies make it easier for other units to fulfill their mission, or are your policies for own expediency?

Understanding what your individual unit brings to the fight and how you fit into the bigger scheme is vital to the mission accomplishment of the Air Force as a whole.

Suicide training video hits home

by Senior Master Sgt. James Jarvis

436th Training Squadron

Over my 19 years of military service, I have continuously been briefed about the importance of identifying and assisting my fellow Airmen who portray the classic signs of suicide.

However, it was during the making of an Air Combat Command video that the message finally became clear to me, as I now realize that this problem is bigger than I had previously imagined.

Since the inception of “ACC Off-Duty Survivor Stories: Suicide Choices; Terminal Consequences” video, I’ve had several coworkers, friends and even family members speak to me about their experiences and thoughts about this brutal subject.

I always believed this was a problem that only touched people whom I didn’t really know, but now I realize differently. In fact, I’ve had three coworkers and friends disclose how they had all lost siblings to this tragic and senseless act in the past few months, and it made me realize how close this problem really does hit home.

As I listened to each of them speak, I couldn’t help but reflect back at my own attitude about this subject when I was a young Airman.

Embarrassingly enough, I actually believed all the hype surrounding the mental health clinic during that time in my career and thought I would be ruining someone else’s career if I ever actually contacted those professionals on their behalf. In fact, one night nearly 14 years ago, a friend of mine did cry out for help, and because of my ignorance and the false stigma attached to the mental health clinic, I’m ashamed to admit I really wasn’t a good “wingman” for him.

Although I did make an initial call, I didn’t feel right, and I wouldn’t give up his name — even through the persistent pleadings of the mental health professional on the other end of the line. I did, however, stay with my friend for several hours after he showed me his new handgun and spoke about his desperate despair of how he was going to shoot himself with his pending terminal breakup with his wife. Although I still feel guilty today for not really fulfilling my duty as a good wingman, luckily, he didn’t actually go through with his desperate plan. (AFPN)

Air superiority

48 years of Falcon football

by **Wayne Amann**

U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Jim Bowman and Falcon football have been attached at the hip pad for 48 of the program's 50 years. When Air Force kicks off Sept. 3 against the Washington Huskies, it will be the 534th Falcon game played during Mr. Bowman's tenure.

The former freshman and junior varsity coach turned associate athletic director for recruiting support speaks with father-like pride when recalling the players, coaches, teams and games that make up nearly a half century of memories.

"The best thing about this school is what these athletes do after they leave here, how they turn out as people," the 72-year-old Michigan native said. "We've had major command leaders, wing commanders, astronauts, war heroes and more. That's more important than how many touchdowns they score."

The academy ranks second in the National Collegiate Athletic Association with 25 players earning postgraduate scholarships.

"Before we joined the Western Athletic Conference in 1981 our players didn't get recognized for being all-conference or all-academic all-conference," he said.

The three-pronged mission of Air Force football is to beat Army and Navy, win the conference title and play in a bowl game.

The interservice rivalry among the academies intensified in 1972 when former academy athletic director George Simler originated the idea of the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy, given each season to the academy that wins the round-robin series among the three schools. Air Force has brought the trophy home 16 times, Navy seven and Army six. There have been four ties.

The first Air Force and Army game, a 13-13 tie, was played on

Halloween 1959 in New York's Yankee Stadium. The first Air Force and Navy clash kicked off the next year in Baltimore. The Midshipmen won 35-3 behind Heismam Trophy winner Joe Bellino.

"We were a heavy underdog to Army," Mr. Bowman said. "Our goal back then was to be competitive, play big schools and get the name Air Force across the country. Our overall record shows we've been pretty successful."

Entering the 2005 campaign the Falcons sport a 45-21-0 (.681) interservice series record compared to Navy's 29-36-1 (.447) and Army's 24-41-1 (.371)

"Our first win over another service academy was the 1965 Army game, 14-3, in Chicago's Soldier Field," Mr. Bowman said. "Our quarterback was Paul Stein, who later became superintendent here. ... The first win over Navy was in 1966, 15-7, here."

The one game recognized by those familiar with Falcon history as putting the football program on the national map, was the 13-13 tie against Big Ten Champion Iowa on Oct. 4, 1958, in the Hawkeyes backyard. Iowa was such a huge favorite no points were quoted on the game. The Falcons spotted Iowa 21 pounds per man in the line.

"It was my first year here, and (the academy) hadn't graduated a class yet, they had 1,100 students," he said. "Some buildings weren't finished. We played our home games in Denver because we had no stadium, but we did have a great class, some great sophomores. For them to go undefeated against the schedule we played, then tie (Texas Christian University), 0-0, in the Cotton Bowl was very special. People said who are those guys? How could they beat powerhouse teams? That carried over."

That team went 9-0-2 under coach Ben Martin, his rookie season at the academy. Air Force is

290-239-13 (.548) all time. One of the most dramatic victories was over the 15th-ranked Washington Huskies in 1963.

"Quarterback Terry Isaacson led a great comeback on national TV to beat them, 10-7," Mr. Bowman said. "From 1962 to 2004 we played against 21 teams ranked in the Top 25 at the end of the season and we won four times."

Mr. Bowman's nostalgic look at academy football goes well beyond wins and loss.

"We've had 17 bowl games in 49 seasons," he said. "People know there is an Air Force Academy. It helps stimulate cadet candidates, attracting outstanding leaders for this country."

"One of the last strongholds for discipline in this country for young people is sports," he added. "Three strikes, you're out. Five fouls, you're out. You're penalized for offside. You can't mouth off to somebody — it's great. Those things help America follow rules."

He said the most significant change is that athletes today are bigger, stronger and faster. Physical limitations at the academy are not as stringent as in the early days. Today's body fat measurements have changed the medical standards concerning weight.

"We get some kids who are 280 pounds, but they've got to be able to pass the Air Force medical exam to graduate, and they always do," he said. "We have never compromised our integrity at this institution. We can't do that."

Mr. Bowman also cannot stop coordinating mission support for all 27 men's and women's intercollegiate sports.

"It's a privilege to have this great job here where all our grads become outstanding officers and pillars in the community," he said. "The fun part is when the players I coached come back as colonels or generals or successful business people. They remember me, and I remember them." (AFP)

SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD
FINAL TALLY

Standings
Large Unit Intramural Softball League

Team	Won	Lost	Tie	Pct	Streak	PF	PA
49 CES A Softball	13	6	0	.684	Won 4	323	239
49 MMG A Softball	11	7	0	.611	Lost 2	329	335
49 MDG A Softball	10	8	0	.556	Won 2	341	303
49 LRS A Softball	9	9	0	.500	Won 3	296	311
49 CES B Softball	9	9	0	.500	Lost 4	283	301
49 MXS/Ammo Softball	8	10	0	.444	Lost 1	322	313
49 SFS Softball	5	14	0	.263	Lost 3	255	345
49 MXG Softball	0	2	0	.000	Lost 2	0	2L

Standings
Small Unit Intramural Softball League

Team	Won	Lost	Tie	Pct	Streak	PF	PA
49 SVS Softball	19	2	0	.905	Lost 1	417	217
49 MXS/AVIONICS Softball	14	5	0	.737	Lost 3	323	246
46 TG Softball	15	6	0	.714	Won 6	382	239
49 OSS Softball	13	7	0	.650	Won 2	353	281
49 MMG B Softball	12	8	0	.600	Lost 3	358	290
49 CS Softball	12	8	0	.600	Won 1	356	287
4 SPCS Softball	9	10	0	.474	Won 2	275	295
49 FW/MSS Softball	10	12	0	.455	Lost 1	372	335
49 MXS/MXMT Softball	9	12	0	.429	Lost 1	263	312
49 MDG B Softball	7	13	0	.350	Lost 2	220	341
9 FS (Operations) Softball	7	15	0	.318	Won 1	254	377

